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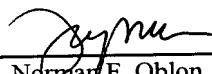
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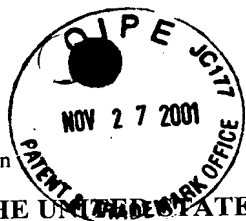
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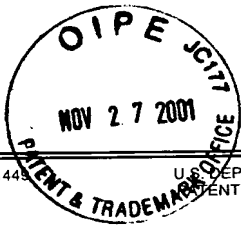
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	AQ	10-236833	09/08/98	JAPAN (submitting English Abstract only)		
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP, 11-157927, A (TOSHIBA CERAMICS CO., LTD.), 15 June, 1999 (15.06.99) (Family: none)	1-6
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